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IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A controller for controlling the function of components of a security system comprising a touch sensitive screen with a graphical representation of the security system and the components displayed on the screen, the controller interacting with a control panel to control operation of the security system, the function of the components of the security system being controllable by touching a portion of the screen having the component or security system to be controlled displayed thereon, the controller also providing for selection and display of user selectable information not related to the operation of the security system and provided to the control panel by an external data access provider.

Kindly cancel claim 3.

Kindly amend claim 4, line 1, by replacing the numeral 4 with 1.

Kindly insert new claims 5 to 8 as follows into the application.

-5. A security system comprising a plurality of detection devices and a controller connected to a control panel, the control panel having a means for connecting to an external data access provider for providing user selectable information not related to the operation of the security system, the controller having an input means for inputting data in response to prompts, and a display means for displaying at least a number of alphanumeric characters, the controller interacting with the control panel to control operation of the security system and display the user selectable information provided to the control panel by the external data access provider.

6. A security system as claimed in claim 5 wherein the user selectable information is one or more items selected from the group consisting of weather information, news reports, sports information, and financial information.

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